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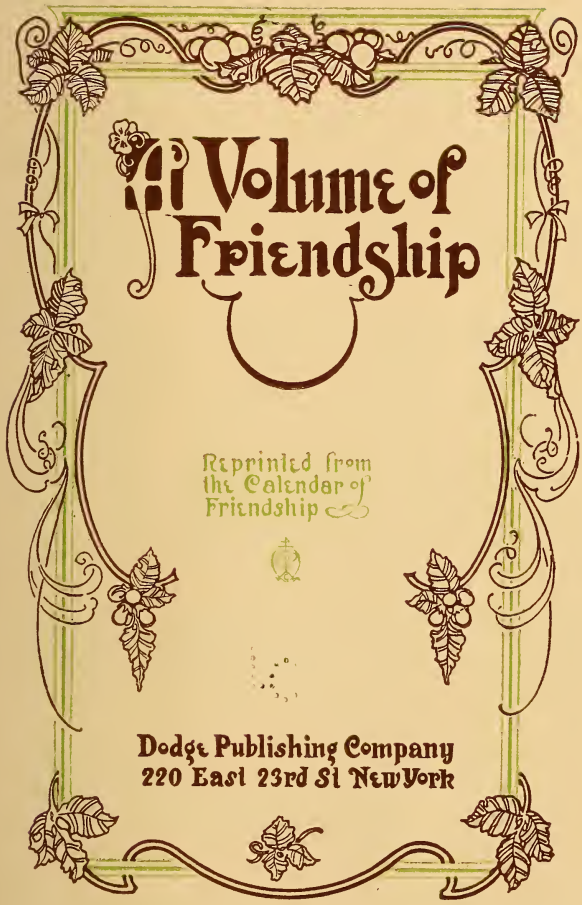

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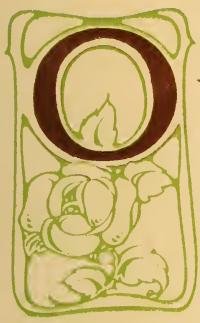
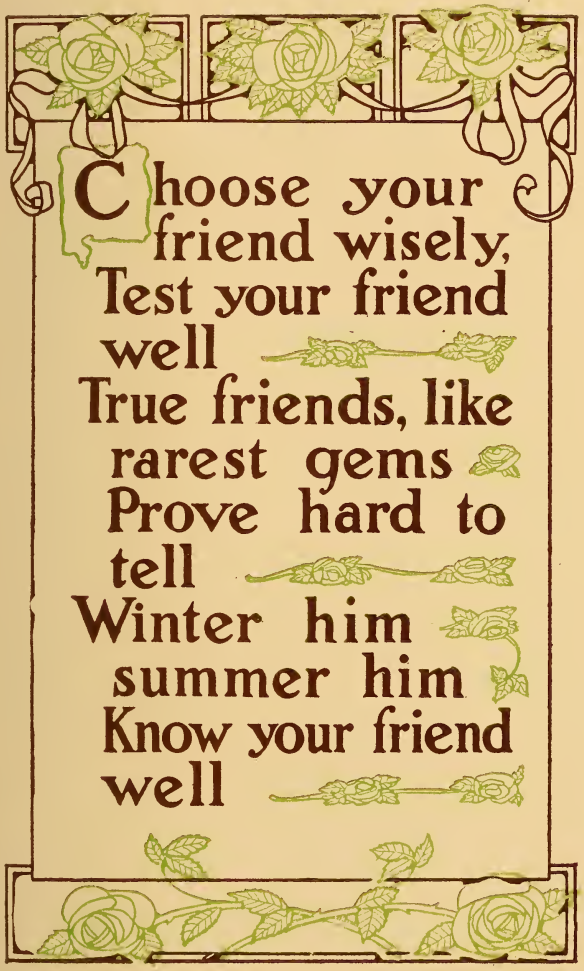


OF WHAT SHALL A MAN BE PROUD IF HE IS NOT PROUD OF HIS FRIENDS ?

Robert Louis Stevenson.

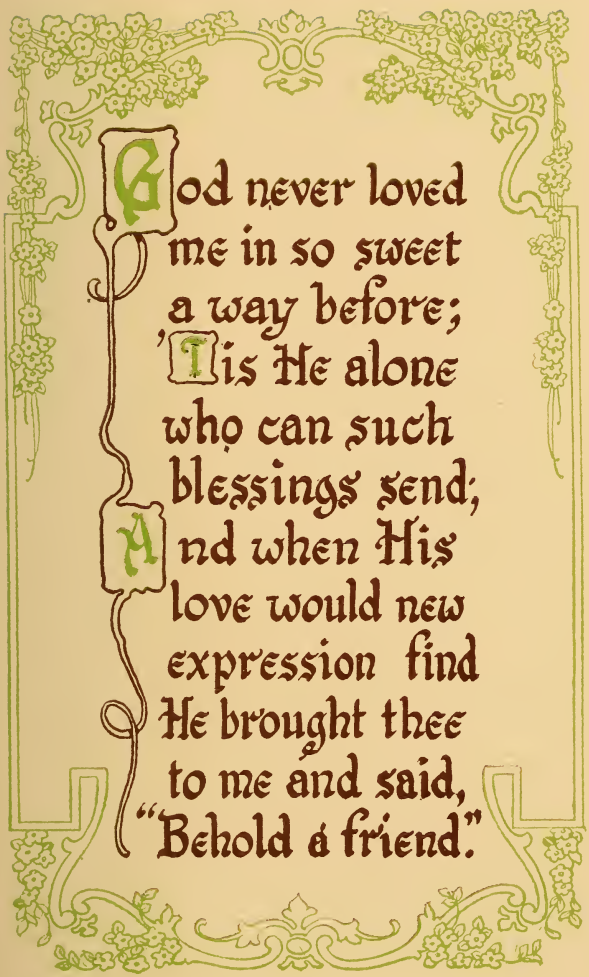
An Ambassador

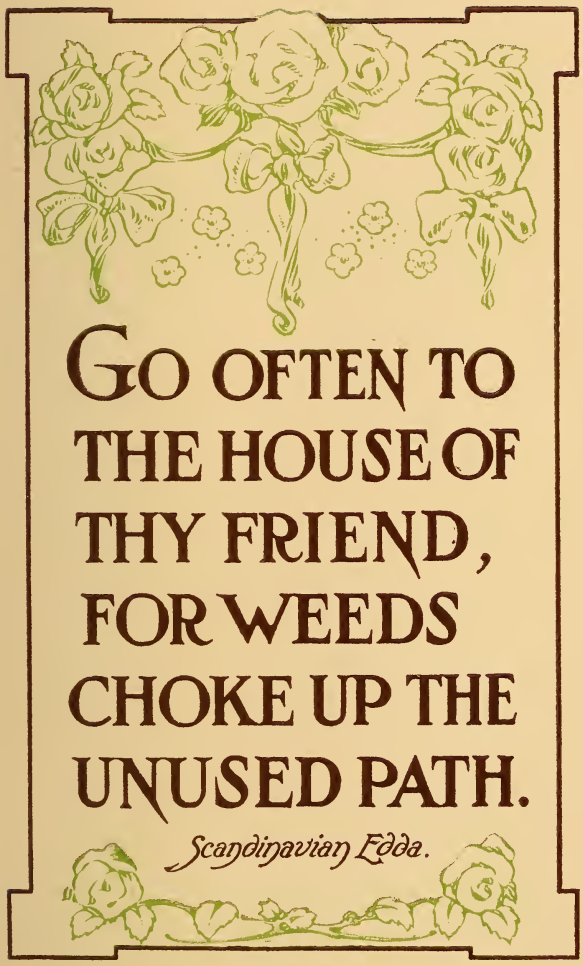
"Affections should not bind the soul, but enfranchise it. Through them it should know larger, deeper, higher life. They should be to it wings by which to mount. A friend comes as an ambassador from the heavens."

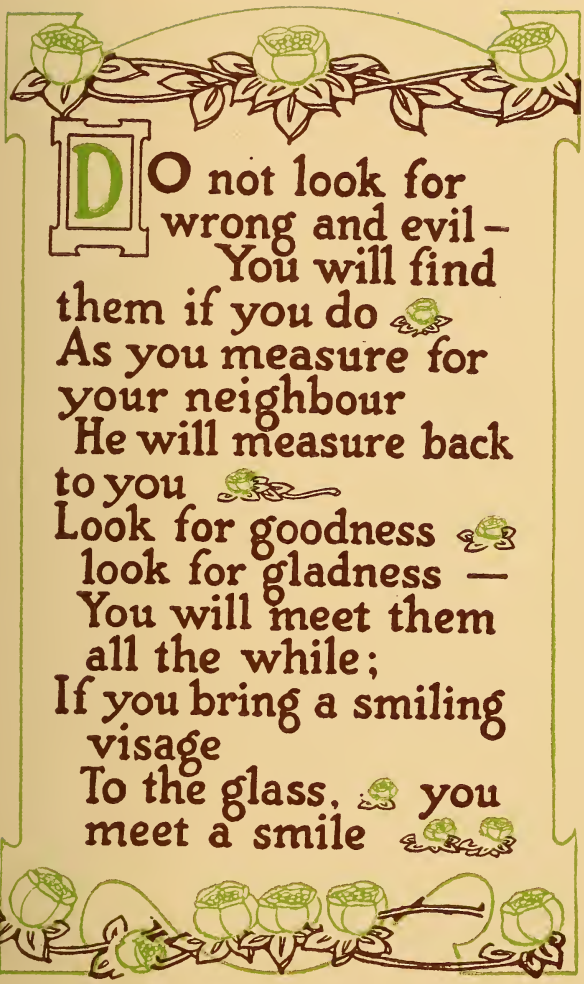

Choose your friend wisely,
Test your friend well
True friends, like rarest gems
Prove hard to tell
Winter him summer him
Know your friend well

"Friendship supplies the place of everything to those who know how to make the right use of it; it makes your prosperity more happy, and it makes your adversity more easy."

"Silence, or neglect dissolves many friendships."


God never loved
me in so sweet
a way before;
'Tis He alone
who can such
blessings send;
And when His
love would new
expression find
He brought thee
to me and said,
"Behold a friend."


GO OFTEN TO
THE HOUSE OF
THY FRIEND,
FOR WEEDS
CHOKE UP THE
UNUSED PATH.
Scandinavian Edda.


DO not look for
wrong and evil –
You will find
them if you do
As you measure for
your neighbour
He will measure back
to you
Look for goodness
look for gladness —
You will meet them
all the while;
If you bring a smiling
visage
To the glass, you
meet a smile

IF I can let into
some soul a little
light
If I some pathway
dark and drear can
render bright
If I to one in gloom
can show the sunny
side
Though no reward
I win I shall
be satisfied

I never crossed your
threshold with a grief
But that I went without
it; never came
Heart hungry but you
fed me, eased the blame,
And gave the sorrow
solace and relief.
I never left you but I
took away
The love that drew me
to your side again,
Through the wide door
that never could remain
Quite closed between
us for a little day.

A common friend-
ship Who
talks of a com-
mon friend—
ship There is
no such thing
in the world
On earth no
word is more
sublime

Kind hearts
are the
gardens
Kind thoughts
are the roots
Kind words are
the blossoms
Kind deeds
are the fruits

A SMILE

A little thing,
a sunny smile,
A loving word
at morn.
And all day long
the day shone
bright,
The cares of
life were made
more light
And the sweet-
est hopes were
born.

Loving words
will cost but
little
Journeying up the
hill of life
But they make the
weak and weary
Stronger, braver, for
the strife
Do you count them
only trifles?
What to earth are
sun and rain?
Never was a kind
word wasted
Never was one said
in vain

Many there be
who call them-
selves our friends;
Yet ah, if heaven
sends
One, only one, so
mated to our soul,
to make our
half a whole,
rich beyond
price are we.

Now is the time Ah, Friend no longer wait to scatter loving smiles and words of Cheer to those around whose lives are now so dear They may not meet you in the coming year Now is the time

Oh, what is life
without a friend
To dissipate our
gloom?
A path where naught
but briars grow,
Where flowers nev-
er bloom.
'Tis friends who make
this desert world
To blossom as the
rose;
Strew flowers o'er
our rugged path,
Pour sunshine o'er
our woes.

PEOPLE who have warm friends are healthier and happier than those who have none ... All the wealth of the world could not buy you a friend or pay you for the loss of one.

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If any little word of
ours can make one
life the brighter;
If any little song of
ours can make one
heart the lighter;
God help us speak
that little word, and
take our bit of sing-
ing,
And drop it in some
lonely vale, and
set the echoes
ringing.

A true friend
unbosoms
freely
advises
justly
assists readily
adventures boldly,
takes all patiently
defends courageous-
ly and continues
a friend unchange-
ably

"Would you have your friend live a better life? Picture only that better life in your thoughts of him and never by word or look emphasize the opposite."

Friends

I think that good must
come of good,
And ill of evil—surely
unto all
In every place or time,
seeing sweet fruit
Groweth from whole-
some roots, or bitter things
From poison stocks: yea,
seeing, too, how spite
Breeds hate-and kind-
ness friends-or patience
Peace.

Edwin Arnold.

ALL'S WELL

THE year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven
The hillside's dew-pearled
The lark's on the wing
The snail's on the thorn
God's in His heaven,—
All's right with the world.

Whatever the number of a man's friends, there will be times in his life when he has one too few; but if he has only one enemy, he is lucky indeed, if he has not one too many.

Bulwer.

IT IS LIKE TAKING THE SVN OVT OF THE WORLD TO BEREAVE HVMAN LIFE OF FRIENDSHIP THAN WHICH THE MORTAL GODS HAVE GIVEN MAN NOTHING BETTER NOTHING MORE GLADDENING

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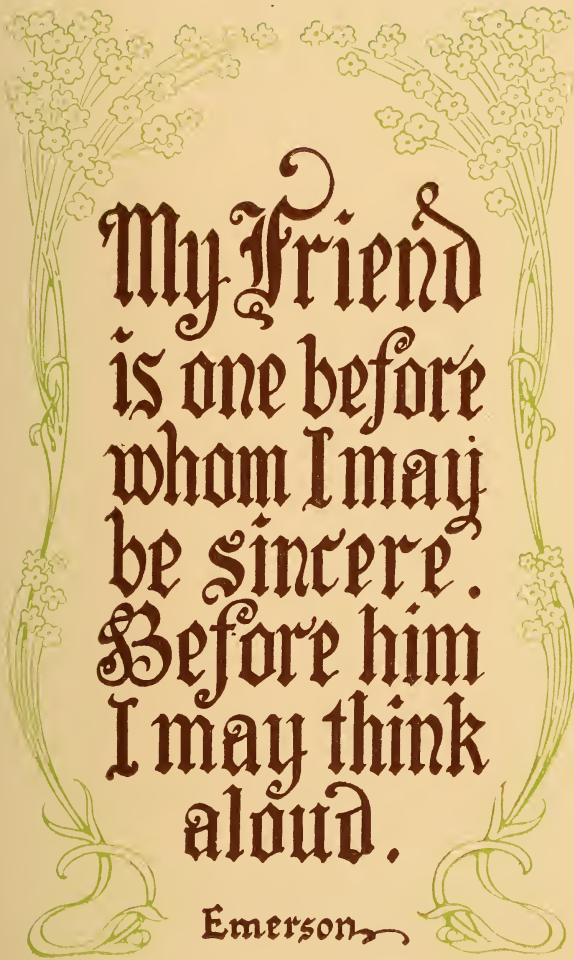
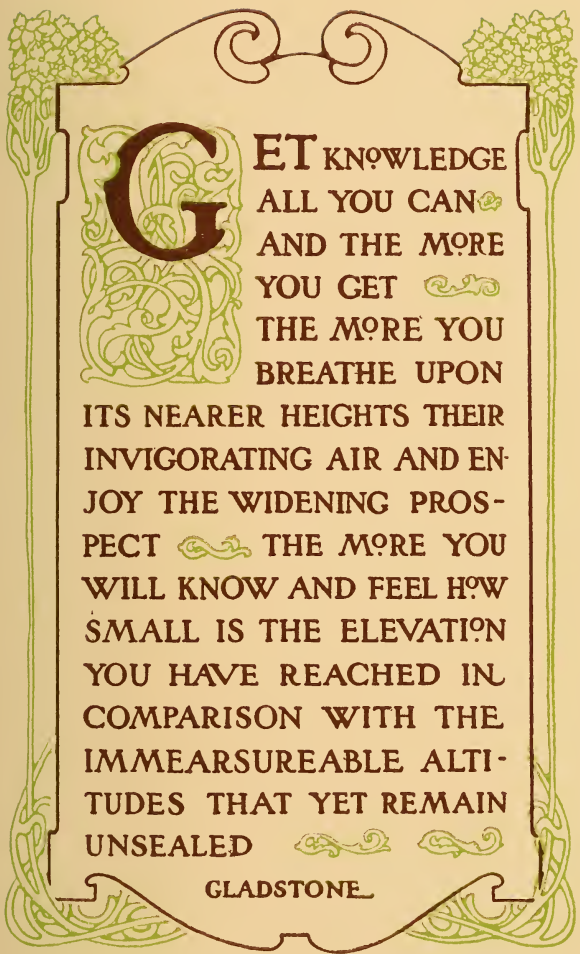

My Friend
is one before
whom I may
be sincere.
Before him
I may think
aloud.
Emerson

IT IS A GOOD THING TO BE RICH, AND A GOOD THING TO BE STRONG, BUT IT IS A BETTER THING TO BE BELOVED OF MANY FRIENDS.

EURIPIDES


GET KNOWLEDGE ALL YOU CAN AND THE MORE YOU GET THE MORE YOU BREATHE UPON ITS NEARER HEIGHTS THEIR INVIGORATING AIR AND ENJOY THE WIDENING PROSPECT THE MORE YOU WILL KNOW AND FEEL HOW SMALL IS THE ELEVATION YOU HAVE REACHED IN COMPARISON WITH THE IMMEARSUREABLE ALTITUDES THAT YET REMAIN UNSEALED
GLADSTONE

We ought to acquaint ourselves with the beautiful; we ought to contemplate it with rapture, and attempt to raise ourselves up to its height. And in order to gain strength for that, we must keep ourselves thoroughly unselfish— we must not make it our own, but rather seek to communicate it; indeed, to make a sacrifice of it to those who are dear and precious to us.

Goethe

Our friendships hurry to short and poor conclusions, because we have made them a texture of wine and dreams instead of the tough fibre of the human heart.

Emerson.

My Endeavor

To be true — first to myself — and just and merciful To be kind and faithful in the little things To be brave with the bad; openly grateful for good; always moderate To seek the best content with what I find — placing principles above persons and right above riches Of fear none of pain enough to make my joys stand out of pity some of work a plenty of faith in God and man much of love all

Leigh Mitchell Hodges

I AWAKE THIS MORNING WITH DEVOUT THANKSGIV-ING FOR MY FRIENDS, THE OLD AND THE NEW

EMERSON

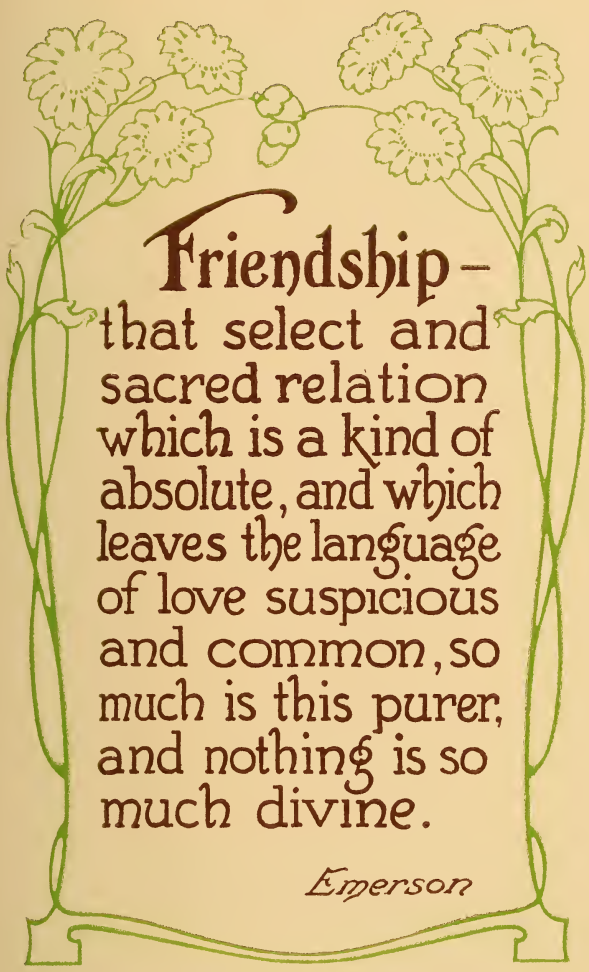
Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. The nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become. Except in cases of necessity, which are rare, leave your friend to learn unpleasant things from his enemies; they are ready enough to tell them.

Holmes

If I can live
To make some pale face brighter, and to give
A second luster to some tear-dimmed eye,
Or e'er impart
One throb of comfort to an aching heart,
Or cheer some wayworn soul in passing by;
If I can lend
A strong hand to the fallen or defend
The right against a single envious strain,
My life, though bare,
Perhaps of much that seemeth dear and fair
To us of earth, will not have been in vain.
The purest joy,
Most near to heaven, far from earth's alloy,
Is bidding cloud give way to sun and shine;
And 'twill be well,
If on that day of days the angels tell
Of me, she did her best for one of Thine.

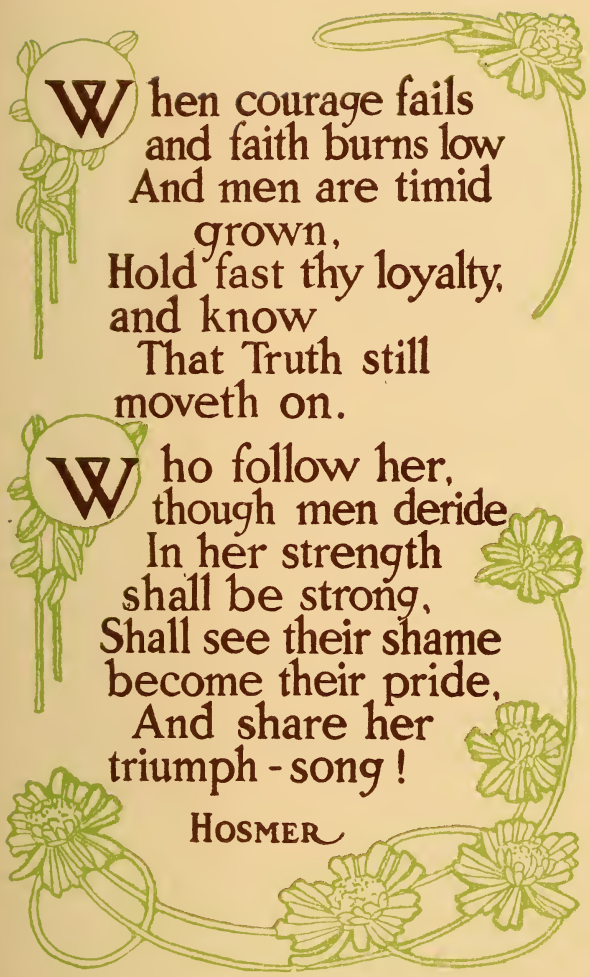
Let us approach our friend with an audacious trust in the truth of his heart, in the breadth, impossible to be overturned, of his foundations.

Emerson


Friendship –
that select and
sacred relation
which is a kind of
absolute, and which
leaves the language
of love suspicious
and common, so
much is this purer,
and nothing is so
much divine.
Emerson

There is no friend
like an old friend
Who has shared
our morning days,
No greeting like
his welcome,
No homage like
his praise.
Fame is the scent-
less sunflower,
With gaudy
crown of gold;
But friendship is
the breathing rose,
With sweets in
every fold.

Oliver Wendell Holmes


When courage fails
and faith burns low
And men are timid
grown,
Hold fast thy loyalty,
and know
That Truth still
moveth on.
Who follow her,
though men deride
In her strength
shall be strong,
Shall see their shame
become their pride,
And share her
triumph-song!
HOSMER

The essence of friendship is entireness, a total magnanimity and trust. It must not surmise or provide for infirmity. It treats its object as a God, that it may deify both.

Emerson.

A HAPPY WORLD

IF you and I — just
you and I —
Should laugh instead
of worry;
If we should grow — just
you and I —
Kinder and sweeter hearted,
Perhaps in some near
by and by
A good time might get
started;
Then what a happy world
'twould be
For you and me —
for you and me!

THE best things
are nearest
breath in your
nostrils
light in your eyes,
flowers at your feet,
duties at your hand,
the path of God just
before you
Then do not grasp
at the stars
but do life's plain
common work as it
comes certain
that daily duties and
daily bread are the
sweetest things of
life

Houghton.

IT IS ONLY
THE GREAT
HEARTED
WHO CAN
BE TRUE FRIENDS
THE MEAN
THE COWARDLY
CAN NEVER
KNOW WHAT TRUE
FRIENDSHIP MEANS
KINGSLEY

Large was his bounty
and his soul sincere
Heaven did a recompense
so largely send
He gave to misery
(all he had) a tear
He gained from
Heaven ('twas all he
wished) a friend

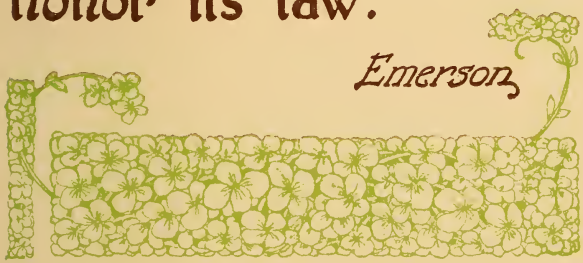
O friend, my bosom said,
Through thee alone the
sky is arched,
Through thee the rose is
red,
All things through thee
take noble form
And look beyond the earth,
And is the mill-round of
our fate,
A sun path in thy worth.
Me too thy nobleness has
taught
To master my despair;
The fountains of my hid-
den life
Are through thy friend-
ship fair.

Emerson

A Friend

Happy is the house that shelters a friend! it might well be built like a festal bower or arch, to entertain him a single day. Happier, if he know the solemnity of that relation and honor its law.

Emerson

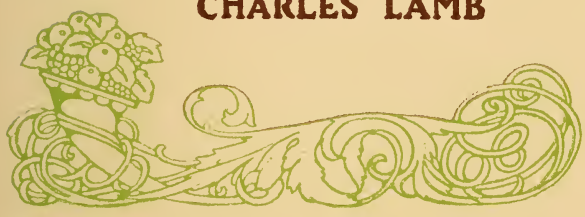


Friendship is a rose which when it is flawed by heat, or violence, or accident, may as well be broken at once it can never be trusted after The more graceful and ornamental it was the more clearly do we discern the hopelessness of restoring it to its former state Coarse stones if they be fractured, may be cemented again precious ones, never.

Walter S. Landor

IF words came as ready as ideas and ideas as feelings I could say ten hundred kindly things You know not my supreme happiness at having one on earth whom I can call friend

CHARLES LAMB



Friendship

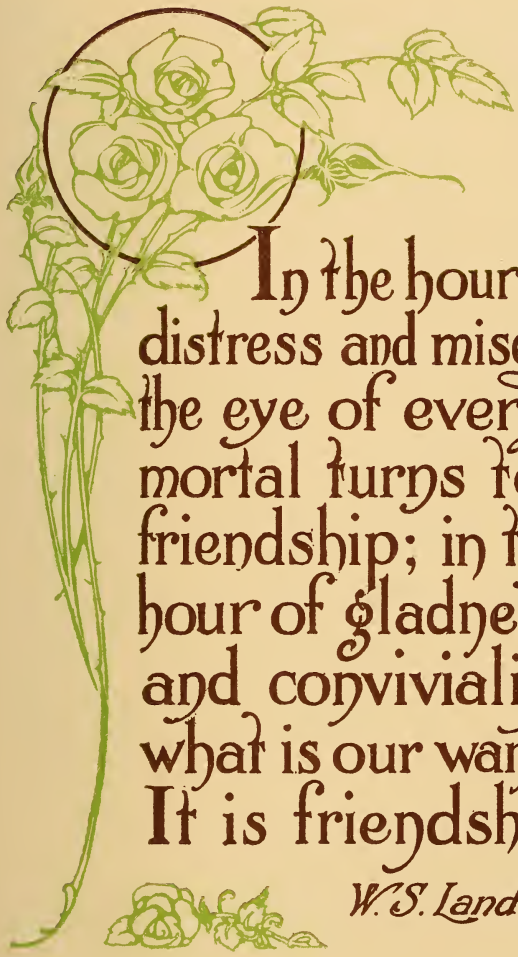
A Ruddy drop of manly blood
The surging sea outweighs,
The world uncertain comes
and goes;
The lover rooted stays

I fancied he was fled—
And, after many a year
Glowed unexhausted kindliness.
Like daily sunrise there

My careful heart was free again:
O friend, my bosom said
Through thee alone the sky is arched
Through thee the rose is red

Me too thy nobleness has taught
To master my despair;
The fountains of my hidden life
Are through thy friendship fair.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON



In the hour of distress and misery the eye of every mortal turns to friendship; in the hour of gladness and conviviality, what is our want? It is friendship.

W. S. Landor.

TAY, stay at
home my
heart and
rest
Home-keeping hearts
are happiest
For those that wander
they know not where
Are full of trouble
and full of care
To stay at home is
best

LONGFELLOW

If instead of a gem,
or even a flower,
We should cast the
gift of a loving thought
Into the heart of a
friend, that would
be giving,
I think, as the
angels must give.

George MacDonald

A FRIEND

Deliberate long before thou consecrate a friend and when thy impartial judgment concludes him worthy of thy bosom receive him joyfully and entertain him wisely impart thy secrets boldly and mingle thy thoughts with his he is thy very self and use him so if thou firmly believe him faithful, thou makest him

F. Quarles

We call that person who has lost his father, an orphan, and a widower, that man who has lost his wife. And that man who has known the immense unhappiness of losing his friend, by what name do we call him? Here every human language holds its peace in impotence.

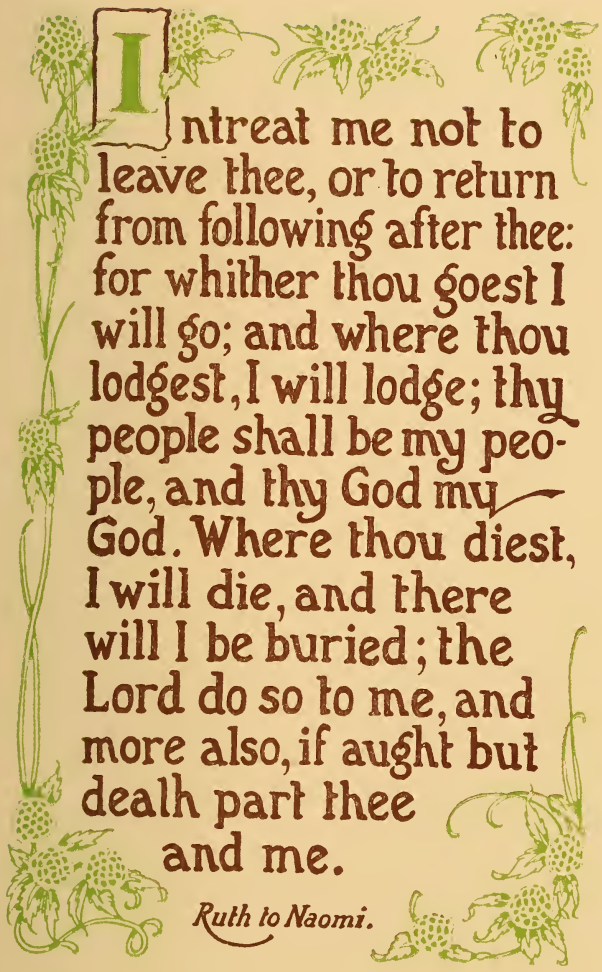
Joseph Roux.

FRIENDSHIP IS THE NEAREST THING WE KNOW TO RELIGION GOD IS LOVE AND TO MAKE RELIGION AKIN TO FRIENDSHIP IS SIMPLY TO GIVE IT THE HIGHEST EXPRESSION CONCEIVABLE BY MAN

JOHN RUSKIN

IT IS A GOOD AND SAFE RULE TO SOJOURN IN EVERY PLACE AS IF YOU MEANT TO SPEND YOUR LIFE THERE, NEVER OMITTING AN OPPORTUNITY OF DOING A KINDNESS, OR SPEAKING A TRUE WORD, OR MAKING A FRIEND.

Ruskin.


Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me.
Ruth to Naomi.

Good Methods

Merchants who keep their business well in hand, sell for cash and pay for goods at short time taking advantage of all cash discounts, and give strict attention to business, rarely fail.

MARSHALL FIELD

We can never replace a friend When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds they are all different. No one has a double in friendship.

Schiller

Go thou thy way
and I go mine;
Apart, yet not afar;
Only a thin veil
hangs between
The pathways
where we are;
And "God keep watch
'tween thee and me,"
This is my prayer;
He looks thy way.
He looketh mine.
And keeps us
near.

Julia A. Baker.

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